

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

5           Claims 1-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (new): A method for transmitting data packets, the method comprising:

- sending a data packet from a sender to a recipient;
- 10        sending a confirmation message confirming receipt of the data packet from the recipient to the sender;
- starting a timer for monitoring receipt of the confirmation message when the data packet is sent;
- charging for the data packet on receipt of the confirmation message;
- 15        sending a non-receipt message from the recipient to the sender if a data packet is at least one of not correctly received and not received;
- storing a number of non-receipt messages received in the sender; and
- sending a status request from the sender to the recipient if a limit value for non-receipt messages received is exceeded.

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Claim 14 (new): A method for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 13, wherein no more data packets are sent if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

25        Claim 15 (new): A method for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 13, wherein the data packets are not charged for if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

30        Claim 16 (new): A method for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 13, further comprising sending a status request from the sender to the

recipient if no confirmation reaches the sender within the time frame started by the timer.

5       Claim 17 (new): A method for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 13, further comprising resetting the timer on receipt of a confirmation message.

10       Claim 18 (new): A terminal for transmitting data packets, comprising:  
parts for sending a data packet from the terminal to a recipient;  
parts for receiving from the recipient a confirmation message confirming receipt of the data packet;  
a timer for monitoring receipt of the confirmation message which is started when the data packet is sent;  
parts for charging for the data packet on receipt of the confirmation  
15       message;  
parts for sending a non-receipt message to the recipient if a data packet is at least one of not correctly received and not received;  
parts for storing a number of non-receipt messages received; and  
parts for sending a status request to the recipient if a limit value for non-  
20       receipt messages received is exceeded.

25       Claim 19 (new): A system for transmitting data packets, comprising:  
parts for sending a data packet from a sender to a recipient;  
parts for sending a confirmation message confirming receipt of the data  
packet from the recipient to the sender; and  
a timer for monitoring receipt of a confirmation message which is started when the data packet is sent, wherein the timer is reset and the data packet is charged for on receipt of the confirmation message;  
wherein if a data packet is at least one of not correctly received and not  
30       received, a non-receipt message is sent from the recipient to the sender, wherein a number of non-receipt messages received is stored in the sender, and wherein a

status request is sent from the sender to the recipient if a limit value for non-receipt messages received is exceeded.

5       Claim 20 (new): A system for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 19, wherein no more data packets are sent if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

10       Claim 21 (new): A system for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 19, wherein the data packets are not charged for if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

15       Claim 22 (new): A system for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 19, wherein a status request is sent from the sender to the recipient if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

      Claim 23 (new): A system for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 19, wherein the timer is reset on receipt of a confirmation message.